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GIRL RIDER IS GREATEST OF ALL EQUESTRIENNES



May Wirth to be Seen Here with Ringling Bros. Circus.

Less than 20 years of age yet the greatest of all the equestrians stars in Spangland. This is the way "Who's Who" in the realm of the "white tops" characterizes May Wirth, the dainty Australian girl whose breath-taking accomplishments on the back of a galloping horse eclipse all riding achievements in the circus world.

The list of Miss Wirth's accomplishments is a long one, but there are two things in which she excels. She is the only rider among either women or men who can do a "forward somersault" on a running steed, and she wears a smile that "won't come off." It has been said of her that though she "comes off her horse" her smile never "comes off her."

May Wirth is of a family of famous riders who compose what is known in the cities of the British Isles as the "royal riders of the ring." This family includes May Wirth, Mrs. Martin Wirth, Stella Wirth and Frank Wirth. All have been induced to appear in this country with the Ring-

ling Brothers' circus and will be seen here when the big show visits Alma Thursday, July 18. May Wirth will be seen in solo riding numbers in which she will perform her most difficult feats. The entire Wirth family will appear at another time on the program with Ian MacPherson's clan of Highland horsemen, recently brought to America from Scotland, and other daring troupes of equestrians.

May Wirth will prove the star of these and scores of other riders who will appear from time to time. Spectators will see her perform somersaults from one galloping horse to another and see her jump to the back of others going at swiftest speed with her feet tied in market baskets. And through it all she will smile, smile and smile again. Miss Wirth will appear early in the program. First will come the tremendous spectacle of romance and chivalry, "In Days of Old," with a cast of more than 1,200 characters. It is the highest spectacle ever produced in America.

SOUTHEAST COE

Mr. and Mrs. Will Beard and Mr. and Mrs. Harryman of St. Louis attended the church services here Sunday, and spent the balance of the day with Mrs. Beard's sister, Mrs. Frank Randolph.

Mrs. Law and two children of Bad Axe is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Ada Leonard and other relatives for a short time.

Mrs. Silas Randolph of Alma arrived Saturday for a few days visit at the home of her son, Frank.

Professor Archie Leonard of Vermontville visited with his parents and other relatives here last week.

Mrs. Nellie Fordyce has received a letter announcing the safe arrival of her husband in France.

The farewell reception held at the church Wednesday evening for O. S. Fowler was well attended. An address was given by Prof. A. Leonard. At the close of the reception Mr. Fowler was presented with a fine set of military brushes.

The service Sunday morning at which time the service flag was unfurled, were well attended in spite of the heavy rainstorm. The exercises and the accompanying sermon and music were the best that have been heard here.

Merrit Leonard and wife visited at the home of their son, Pearl and family in Alma Sunday.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

About sixty friends and relatives attended the farewell party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Loomis in honor of their son, Lee, who was called for the army. Ice cream and cake were served during the evening and the friends present presented Lee with a sum of money amounting to over sixteen dollars. His many friends wish him the best of luck. He left for Camp Custer Friday morning.

Mrs. L. T. Meade, son, Carl, and children also J. Dexter autoed to North Star to spend Sunday with R. Hill.

V. Dickinson and wife were in Shepherd Saturday.

Prayer meeting will be held at the home of G. Barkey Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dickinson called on Mrs. L. T. Meade Saturday evening.

Mrs. F. N. Travis entertained her nephew, Frank Crane, of Chicago last week.

A. Ingham was in Riverdale Saturday evening.

Mr. Gray is very poorly at this writing.

ELM HALL

Mrs. Delbert Hicks and daughter, Grace, spent last week in Alma with her sister, Mrs. N. Hill.

Mrs. George Andrews is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Glassbrook, and children from Lansing.

A. P. Lane of Ithaca called on Mrs. C. L. Brooks Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Rice of Riverdale spent last week Wednesday with Mrs. Addie Walker.

Mrs. Grace Peck and children went to Rose City Saturday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Sly.

Miss Mabel Stambaugh entertained her friend, Glen Ettinger, of Detroit Friday.

Arthur Sprague and wife of Ithaca were in town Sunday afternoon.

Lowell spent the week end with their sister, Mrs. M. N. Smith. Ed. Smith went to Detroit Saturday.

DOUBLY PROVEN

Alma Readers Can No Longer Doubt the Evidence.

This grateful citizen testified long ago.

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Such testimony is complete--the evidence is conclusive.

It forms convincing proof of merit. C. E. Webster, cattle buyer, W. Center St., Ithaca, Mich., says: "For years I was in bad shape from kidney trouble. My kidneys didn't act right. I had severe attacks of backache and I could hardly straighten after stooping. At times I was nervous and dizzy. I was restless at night and in the morning felt tired. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they gave me great relief in every way."

OVER SIX YEARS LATER, Mr. Webster said: "I still use Doan's Kidney Pills once in awhile and don't know what I would do without them. I am glad to recommend this medicine."

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This is the age of efficiency, and San-Yak is the efficiency in medicine for internal uses. For Throat, Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bladder and Bowels it proves a wonder in every case.

It prevents a bony-like hardening of the arteries at ages past 50 years. DR. BURNHAM'S SAN-YAK is the sure way to prevent paralysis and apoplexy. In its use you have prevented or cured kidney and bladder trouble. It is the greatest in use to prevent the clumsy, stiff joints and muscles and for neuritis and rheumatism and constipation. It has no parallel for the quality and results.

F. E. Gray, Alma, Michigan, the leading restaurant man, says: "I was sick from overwork and kidney trouble, had paralysis in my toes for several years, swelling of the feet and ankles. San-Yak has done wonders for me and for my wife also. I am willing to boost for a good cause."

P. C. Johnson, Masonic Home, Alma, says: "I was nearly dead from bladder and kidney trouble and rheumatism. SAN-YAK gave me quick relief and I had no trouble for more than one year."

Mrs. Allen Saylor of Angola says: "I have been troubled for years with dizziness and back trouble. After taking three bottles of San-Yak I feel like a new woman, and want to recommend it to everyone as a cure and worth a good deal more than you pay for it."

D. H. James, Homer, Mich., says: "I was greatly troubled for several years with high blood pressure, short in breath, bad kidney and bladder trouble, dizzy and sick. San-Yak has done everything for me and my health is fine at 72 years. I can

work with ease and comfort." "Sir: I have taken your medicine called San-Yak for serious nervousness and high blood pressure with satisfactory results, and have found it to be as good a healer as time or nature. Several friends have tried it upon my recommendation with as good results as my own."

Mrs. E. Gott, Elyria, Ohio: Dr. J. J. Weir, the eminent children's specialist, Millbury, Mich., says: "This is to certify that I have prescribed San-Yak for a bad case of Stomach trouble and I am glad to say it helped really beyond my expectation. I can cheerfully recommend it to any one so afflicted."

"One teaspoonful in glass of water half hour before breakfast beats all antiseptics and tonics for the stomach, bowels and kidneys. I have tried all kinds."

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New Home of the Citizens Mutual Auto Insurance Company to be Opened at Howell, Michigan, May 10th, 1918

This beautiful new office building, erected during the past year, will be opened as headquarters of Michigan's pioneer mutual auto insurance company about May 10th, and our friends and members will always find a welcome sign hanging out for them. The building is of modern tapestry brick construction, with ample office facilities to care for our growth for many years. It contains a large hall suitable for members' and agents' meetings with a capacity of two hundred persons, two large fire-proof vaults for company records and every modern office convenience. This building is located on Grand River avenue, Howell, in the heart of this thriving, centrally located Michigan city.

Mr. Auto Owner, Your Risk is not Alone from Fire, Theft or Liability!--be sure the Company you Insure with is **SOLID!**

Growth Means Strength!

The Following Shows New Members Added and Claims Paid Each Month for 1917:

| | | | |
|--------|-----------|-----|-------------|
| 522 | January | 34 | \$ 2,927.06 |
| 479 | February | 18 | 2,969.58 |
| 1079 | March | 23 | 2,509.77 |
| 2102 | April | 16 | 1,242.96 |
| 2434 | May | 27 | 3,740.06 |
| 2135 | June | 46 | 4,222.76 |
| 2180 | July | 45 | 5,598.18 |
| 1534 | August | 40 | 6,815.97 |
| 1933 | September | 56 | 6,146.67 |
| 1006 | October | 55 | 7,864.68 |
| 630 | November | 44 | 5,770.95 |
| 402 | December | 70 | 9,130.27 |
| 15,786 | | 474 | \$58,938.91 |

During the first three months of 1918 We Have Settled 132 Claims, Amounting to \$21,185.54.

Of course you are going to insure your automobile against fire, theft and liability this year--no thinking man will drive any car a mile without this protection--so the important point is to be sure the company you insure with is safe, trustworthy and amply able to care for the losses which are bound to occur, so that you may be sure of protection when the emergency comes.

The Citizens' Mutual Auto Insurance Company is the pioneer in its field in Michigan. It begins its fourth successful season with more than 30,000 auto-owning members, not one of whom it a resident of Detroit or Grand Rapids, so that our losses are minimized. Every member of a mutual such as ours, adds one link in the chain of security by which your own auto is protected, so look to the number of members in the mutual you insure with.

Last year, 1917, we added 15,786 new members and thus increased the strength of this pioneer mutual by just that number. Auto insurance is a mighty risky business. In the first three months of 1918 we settled 132 claims amounting to \$21,185.54, last year (1917) we paid out a total of \$58,938.91, so the company you insure with must be well-financed and ready to meet the heavy losses which are sure to come.

Why take a chance? You know the Citizens' Mutual, you know the men behind it, you know that your share of liability with 30,000 other auto owners and that back of your company always is a large reserve fund of actual cash to meet any emergency.

When the accident happens, you want protection, not excuses!

Don't take a chance when it is unnecessary, insure with

Citizen's Mutual Auto Insurance Co.

W. E. ROBB, Secretary, Howell, Michigan